crores from Turkey for rolling at the Bhilai Steel Plant and has been unable to dispose of the same;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard, stating the details of officials responsible for this commercial deal and the terms and conditions under which these imports were made;

(c) whether Government have since inquired into the matter; if so, what are the findings in this regard; and

(d) whether any action has been taken against those officials; if so, when and what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). 35,000 tonnes of billets imported by Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation of India Limited as Canalising Agency on account of SAIL from Turkey did not conform to the specified chemical composition. MMTC had ordered the imports under their usual terms and conditions. The intended purpose of this import was to use it for making light structurals at the Bhilai Steel Plant. The billets have been used for alternative purposes at Durgapur Steel Plant and also by Indian Railways. Government has not so far enquired into the matter and, therefore, no one has been held responsible. SAIL has lodged a claim against MMTC in respect of this contract and has initiated action for arbitration.

Construction of Roads in Tribal areas of M.P.

1256. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to construct roads in tribal and backward areas on priority basis;

(b) if so, the areas identified in Madhya Pradesh under this scheme; and

(c) the Central assistance provided for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) There is Centrally Sponsored Scheme with 100 per cent grant-in-aid to States for development of roads to tribal areas, on selected basis, which were deemed necessary but could not be covered earlier in the state or Central Plan.

(b) The areas in Madhya Pradesh where roads under this scheme have been sanctioned are as under: 1. Achanakam—Keonchi 2. Madwas-Kushmi Road; 3. Madwas-Kushmi-Runda-Bhundura 4. Dudhawa-Ghotia wahi Road and Dabenda Approach Road; 5. Ghutke-Borai-Kankera Road.

(c) Rs. 363.20 lakhs.

Flood in Orissa

1257. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Orissa is among the chronically flood affected States in the country;

(b) if so, the extent of loss suffered in the State during the last three years;

(c) the Central assistance granted and disbursed during the above period, yearwise;

(d) whether the amount given is inadequate and Government of Orissa has requested to increase the Central assistance; and

(e) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHY-